



The fourth annual IDOC auto show was recently held at the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis. The auto body vocational programs from Pendleton, Plainfield, and Westville all participated. One of Plainfield's vehicles won first place. Each of the vehicles are newly resotred for use by the Parole Division.

This past weekend, the Indiana Women's Prison relocated to 2596 Girls School Road in Indianapolis, the former address of the Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility. IWP staff, as well as Emergency Response Operations, successfully transported 449 offenders with no major security problems.

William Watson, Director of Vigo County Community Corrections, was elected to a two-year term as President of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties (IACCAC). IACCAC is the association representing the community corrections staff who are members. Lake County Director Kellie Bittorf was elected Vice President.

ISP held its second PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) weekend with thirteen offenders and their significant others participating.

Upon completing a doll-house kit purchased and built as part of an arts and crafts activity, a group of PREF residents donated the house to a young girl residing at a foster-care agency in Brazil, Indiana.

The Wabash Valley PLUS Unit presented a model of the U.S.S. Vincennes to WVCF advisory board member and long time supporter of the unit, Belle Kasting, a former mayor of Vincennes, Indiana. PLUS participant Larry James took over a year to construct the model, largely out of paper.

300 turkeys, complete with all the "fixins," were prepared by staff and volunteers from IWP and IJCF, as well as Mr. Brady, Culinary Arts Instructor at PREF. Thelma "Mama" Turner continued the 25 year-old tradition where the 300 turkeys and full dinner menu were distributed to the Watkins Community Center.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility sent several youth to help out at the Salvation Army. The youth assisted with cleaning, loading and unloading of trucks, and the preparation and serving of meals.

Correctional Industrial Facility recently held two concerts, one with Hearts Afire and another with the By The Grace Trio. Both groups were gratefully received by a large group of offenders in the CIF Chapel.

Graduates of the Inside/Out Dads Program had a family day this week with their children attending for a visit in the chapel at the Indiana State Prison.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center Executive Staff recently hosted a pitch-in lunch and dinner for all employees in celebration of Thanksgiving and their hard work toward the recent ACA re-accreditation.

Pendleton Juvenile recently hosted the KAIROS Torch Retreat Weekend. Sixteen students were provided a safe place for spiritual exploration and growth, while promoting a long-term mentoring process. More than forty volunteers gave of their time and talents for the weekend Torch retreat.

This Thanksgiving, PREF will have approximately 100 members of the Progressive Baptist Church attending the Thanksgiving religious service. The congregation will join the residents in their worship and fellowship.

Westville Correctional Facility hosted a tour of the facility's Long Term Segregation Unit for executive staff members from the Illinois Department of Corrections. The Illinois visitors were interested in viewing and learning more about the Unit's ACT (Action, Consequences, and Treatment) Program.

Pendleton Juvenile recently held a Thanksgiving celebration feast. The auxiliary provided the meat for the festivities, and staff participated by bringing in side dishes.

ISP Employee Cindi Troutman was named 2009 Veteran of the Year at the Red, White and Blue Ball in Michigan City.

Lina Presley, Linda Vannatta, and Tom Quigley recently visited Miami and Plainfield to discuss proposed changes in the adult grievance procedure with interested personnel and to discuss solutions to problems that they share in common. Deputy Attorney General Betsy Isenberg also joined the group for the Miami visit.

